



Tidings



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As Christ's Light of Hope, together we Become, Serve, Celebrate and Share

JULY MINISTRY EXCITEMENT

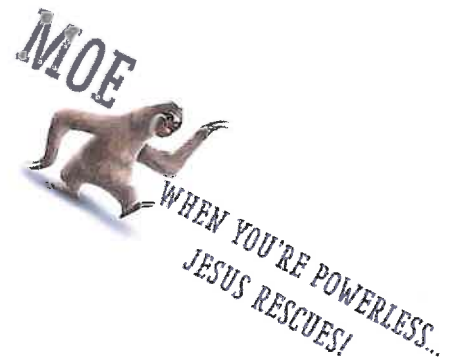
PBJ Reunion and Youth Swim Party - July 7 Lake Stevenson

- * PBJ Kids Swim from 4-5:15P.M. with Hot Dogs and Smores at 5:30. Pick up at 6:00 pm. The pre-schoolers need parents to stay and help with swimming and sand sculptures.
- Youth join us at 5:30 for supper then swim till 7:00 pm

Vacation Bible School—July 15-19

REGISTER at umcburl.org/education/vbs

- Please encourage the kids in your life to attend.
- Seeking one more group rotation leader.
- Donations of 6 oz cups and paper plates requested.



RAGBRAI—July 26

- * Donations of cash and food are being accepted. Lists will be circulated at worship and pew news.
- * Marie Callender Pies can be purchased from Walmart (for best price) Chocolate, Coconut Cream, Banana Cream, etc. Please store the pies at your home freezer until the RAGBRAI event, due to Loft freezer space.
- * **Volunteers** we still need a few on Thursday for prep, Friday for behind the scenes, and Saturday (to clean up from sleepers). Please let Melisa know if you are available—319.929.3281.
- * **Looking for a freezer we can borrow for the week.** We can assist with delivery. A big event requires lots of space.



Gym Floor could start being installed at the end of the month. Painting teams will be contacted soon. If you want to join the fun, let Melisa know 319.929.3281

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Traditional Worship
Sundays 9:00 am

Education Hour
Sundays 10:10 am

Children's Wednesday Night
Meal, Lesson, Music, Games
5:30-7:00 pm—Resumes September

LOFT

416 Jefferson St.
Burlington, IA 52601-5143
Facebook—[LOFTEventsBurlington](https://www.facebook.com/LOFTEventsBurlington)

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Fair Trade Market

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-4:30 pm
Saturday 11:00 am-3:00 pm
Facebook-Loft Market

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Roxy Riessen

Choir Director: Tim Ahern

Custodians: Tim Votaw, Matt Burns

Summer Ministry Intern
Lucy Cockrell
education@umcburl.org

Childcare Providers:
Abby Peters, Lucy Cockrell, Iliana-Murphy

Summertime,
Summertime,
fun fun Summertime.
Ahh, the weather is full blown
summertime. Ice Cream.
Laughter. Swimming. Water-
melon. Love. Life. Many favor-
ite things are done.

Luke 21:28-33 The Message
(MSG) ²⁷⁻²⁸ "And then—then!—
they'll see the Son of Man wel-
comed in grand style—a glorious welcome! When all this starts to
happen, up on your feet. Stand tall with your heads high. Help is
on the way!" ²⁹⁻³³ He told them a story. "Look at a fig tree. Any tree
for that matter. When the leaves begin to show, one look tells you
that summer is right around the corner. The same here—when you
see these things happen, you know God's kingdom is about here.
Don't brush this off: I'm not just saying this for some future genera-
tion, but for this one, too—these things will happen. Sky and earth
will wear out; my words won't wear out.

As Jesus followers, we are working on the Kingdom of God here
on earth. The Lord's Prayer says "On earth as it is in heaven."
Our response is to be full of joy and hope. Seeking the positive
even in moments of great despair.

In the Fall, we will be showcasing—why is First United Methodist
Church great? Why do you worship here? As well as, why is God
great—in your opinion?

Why? Hearing the responses of others will excited us. Motivate
us to share the story. I'm guessing some will say music, connec-
tion to each other, kids, food, facilities, number of people volun-
teering. The goal is to create a list to share with each other. When
someone asks—Why First United Methodist Church Burlington? I
want you to have an immediate answer.

Be thinking. The ask is coming.

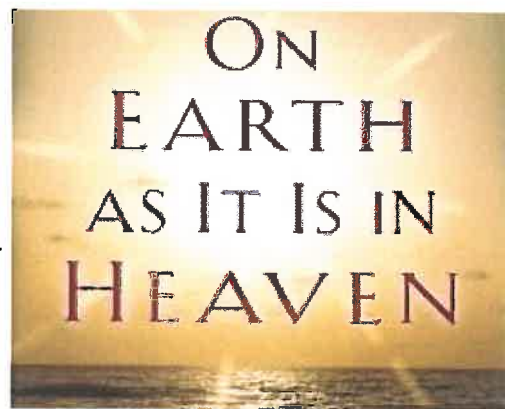
Why is our church great?

Why is God great?

Let's celebrate together great things that have happened, that are
happening, and will happen.

Together, we Become, Serve, Celebrate, and Share Christ's light
of Hope. Looking forward to serving with you this summer at the
swim party, VBS, RAGBRAI, Gym painting, or regular experienc-
es. We have a great month ahead of us!

Rev. Melisa BW



July Worship Leaders

	July 7 Psalm 40:1-10	July 14 Hebrews 1:1-4	July 21 Hebrews 2:10-18	July 28 Hebrews 4:14-5:10
Greeter, Usher	Barb/Bob Cameron	The Bhawles	The Bickels	Dan, Sarah, Ben, Adam Sliwinski
Liturgist	John Youngquist	The Bhawles	The The Bickels	Charles Anderson
Acolyte 9:00	Kayleigh	The Bhawles	The Bickels	
Children's sermon	Cindy Seibert		Andree Halden	Vera Anderson
JUMP				
Fellowship Time	Barb and Jim Evans	Bruce and Sue Dichraff	Rohit & Savannah Bhawle	Barb and Jim Evans
Altar Flowers			Roger and Sue Stauffacher	Don and Gail Lofgren

Financial Numbers as of June 24, 2019

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finances

Budgeted Income \$159,340 Giving Income \$ 137,258.58 plus LOFT Income \$14,629.25 Total Income \$151,887.83
Budgeted Expenses \$173,135.29 Actual Expenses \$ 117,574.55 We are not current on apportionments

Finance Committee Update

Summer is Finally Here!

It's the time of year where the days are long and we have more hours to be out playing and traveling. Even with the extra "daylight", there are still many who need to feel Christ's Light of Hope in their lives.



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In 2019, our goal for our Finance Team is to find a way to LIGHT IT UP! Our giving is a blessing to others. It's God's way of providing for the needs of His people. Our giving provides dollars to keep our spaces cool in the summer, so that those attending church or Vacation Bible School can have the best opportunity to focus on relationships and learning. Our giving provides staff to teach and minister to those in need.

As we take time to enjoy our summer, be sure to continue to prayerfully consider your giving as a way of thanking God for your blessings, and showing love to those in need.

Serve: Mission

Ingathering

Our congregation will be working together as a team to pack school kits for Ingathering which will be Saturday morning, November 2nd, in Mt. Pleasant. These items will be sent to Midwest Mission near Springfield, Illinois, to be distributed to children in need.

Here is the list of items to pack into our student school kits. Be watching for these items to be featured in the back-to-school sales.

3 notebooks—1 subject spiral 8"x10 1/2"

1 pencil eraser, 2" or larger

1 pair of student round tip scissors

1 pencil sharpener

1 ruler, 12" long with metric

1 box of 12 colored pencils

1 box of 24 crayons

6 unsharpened pencils

If you are able to sew bags for packing these items, the pattern is in the Mission mailbox in the office.

Mission Event:

Two Invitations—One Event:

1—You are invited to help "Take Away Hunger" ! On Saturday, August 17, FUMC will be packing bags of nutritional food into ten boxes to be sent to hungry, needy families in developing nations at Messiah Lutheran Church from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Your help in accomplishing this mission is needed and greatly appreciated.

2—You are invited to become a nurturing role model for our youth, third grade and older, for one hour on Saturday, August 17, at Messiah Lutheran Church. By demonstrating your compassionate service, our youth see you as a person who lives out Jesus' message of "Feed my sheep."

Please contact Ann Ure at annlucilleure@gmail.com if you would like to serve.

Thank You:

Thank you to all the individuals who provided food and served the May End of the Month meal at Grace on Thursday, May 30. Thank you to the Fair Trade volunteers who served and provided food for the June 4th Bridges Out of Poverty meal!

Food and fellowship was enjoyed by all at both events.

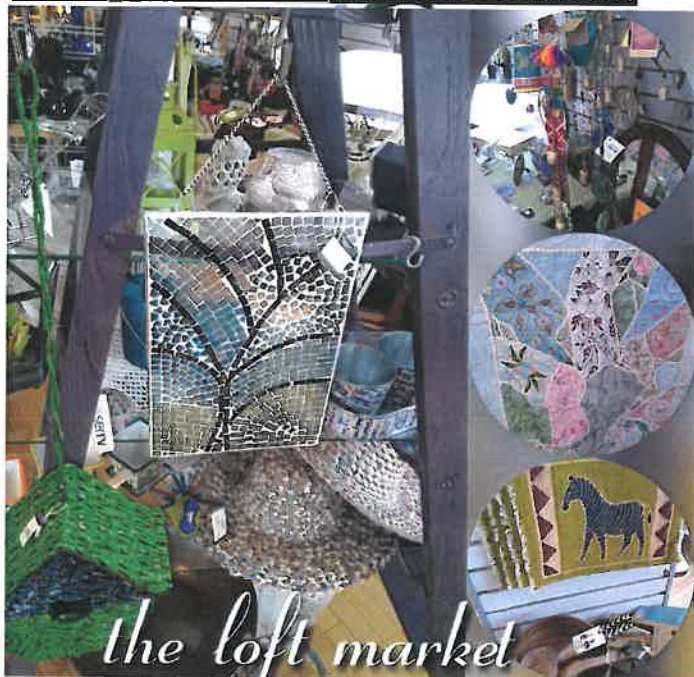
First UMC will be responsible for desserts and drinks for the August 29 End of the Month meal.

Shop the **Fair Trade LOFT Market**

located in the LOFT first floor.

Unique gifts from around the globe are gifts that give twice. Once to your loved one. Once to the artisan who can sustain their family or send their child to school.

If you would like to volunteer at the LOFT Market, please contact Cheryl Jones. 572-5914



Bridges out of Poverty

Teammates needed

Bridges out of Poverty has a real significant need for teammates or small group leaders. Someone to be an encourager alongside a new graduate(s). Today, we need more than TWELVE teammates.

As a teammate, we are expecting you to each month attend the Staying Ahead meeting (first Tuesday of the month), take the initiative in contacting graduate as you do something once a month and communicate bi-monthly with Staying Ahead Coordinator - who happens to be Pastor Melisa.

Please contact Pastor Melisa with your interest.

pastor@umcburl.org 929.3281

Schedule for Bridges' Meals:

Below is the schedule for serving the Bridges Out of Poverty meals for the coming months. If your church group is not represented on this list or if you would like to help out with a meal some month, please let Ann Ure know.

July 2: 11:11 Sunday School Class—picnic in the park

Aug. 6: Bell Choir

Sept. 3: Lunch and Brunch Bunch Sunday School Class

Oct. 1: Choir

Nov. 5 Mission Committee

Dec. 3 Balcony Dwellers

Jan. 7 Life and Laughter Sunday School Class

HyVee
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Hy Vee Cards are available at the church office or in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. The proceeds help support our missionary, Larry Kies at African University in Zimbabwe.



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UMW MEETING REMINDERS....

Wednesdays:

Sarah Circle– Will not meet June, July or August.

Miriam Circle– Third Monday at 7:00 July 15

Hostess and Co Hostess Mary Taeger– Program– Thelma Odell

**July 21-23 Summer Mission u– Iowa Valley
Conference Center, Marshalltown, Ia**



The Smile Corner

A little boy opened the Family Bible and looked at the old pages. As he turned them, suddenly something fell out. He looked at it closely, as it was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between pages.

'Momma, look what I found,' the boy called out.

'What have you got there, dear?' his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: 'I think it's Adam's suit!'

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

Wish List:

- Christmas Wreaths for LOFT need to be freshened. Someone with a creative talent could breathe life in them.
- Duster—Volunteer to pop in once a month to dust the LOFT first floor



Darven and Lara Kendall	07/02
Grant and Ashlee Whipple	07/03
Shelia and Lance Glaspie	07/05
Roger and Sue Stauffacher	07/06
Rob and Audrey Halden	07/07
Mark and Jan Alter	07/09
Dan and Sarah Sliwinski	07/09
T.K. and Virginia Ford	07/14
Mark and Mary Taylor	07/16
David and Tammy Yotter	07/16
Scott and Nina Zaiser	07/17
Sharyn and Bill Blake	07/18
Nikole and Grant Landon	07/19
John and Barbara Schulz	07/23
Don and Gale Lofgren	07/25
Jerry and Julie Anderson	07/28
Frank and Ann Hills	07/30



Dan Egan	07/01
Jeremy Murphy	07/01
Richard Gerdner	07/03
Ron Piper	07/03
Grace Fenton	07/04
Liza Heubner	07/04
Will Hoapili	07/04
Evan Hoapil	07/04
AlexanderTaylor	07/04
Julie Anderson	07/05
Barb Cameron	07/05
Rube Cloke	07/06
Samuel Brissey	07/07
Olivia Frietag	07/07
Bailey Hanks	07/08
Parker Hanks	07/08
Hannah O'Brien	07/09
Lee Cone	07/12
Sarah Crabtree	07/12
Bob Adams	07/14
Carolyn Cloke	07/14
Kaya Plein	07/16
Connie Schleif	07/16
Nikole Landon	07/17
Alizabeth Malone	07/18
Roger Ferry	07/19
Howard Toops	07/19
Matthew John	07/20
Matthew Brissey	07/21
Bradley Pilger	07/21
Nancy Reighard	07/21
Maryann Jordhal	07/22
Jerry Rigdon	07/22
Alex Stauffacher	07/22
Duane Hartman	07/24
Dawson Ferguson	07/25
Barry Halden	07/25
Rita Flatt	07/26
Andy Bentley	07/28
Christian Bracht-Wagner	07/28
Jennifer Hawes	07/28
Haley Cone	07/29
Nathan Nelson	07/31

Jackie Brockert, fumbchia@q.com, LOFT & Church EVENTS

Jul 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday	10am - 3-5 Grade 5pm - Event	9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges	8am - Abraham 8:45am - Quilters	Happy 4th- Business		11am - Loft Event
9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday 10:20am - VBS 4pm - PBJ Reunion 5:30pm - Youth		9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges 6pm - Trustees 6:30pm - Mission	8am - Abraham 8:45am - Quilters 6pm - Arc Training	9am - Card Playing		
9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday	VBS 5:30-7:30 Church Basement					
	7pm - Miriam Circle	9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges	8am - Abraham 8:45am - Quilters	9am - Card Playing 3:30pm - Fair Trade 6pm - VBS Older Kid	9am - event	9am - Event
9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday		9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges	8am - Abraham 8:45am - Quilters	9am - Card Playing 3:30pm - RAGBRAI	RAGBRAI	8am - RAGBRAI
9am - Worship 10:10am - Sunday 12:30pm - Loft		9am - Mah Jong 5:30pm - Bridges	8am - Abraham 8:45am - Quilters	9am - Card Playing		11am - Loft One

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